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In the Specification

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**.

In the Claims

~~Please~~ cancel claims 20-24, without prejudice to applicant's right to pursue the subject matter thereof in a continuing application.

Please add new claims 30-34 as follows:

30. (New) A method for determining whether an agent is capable of modulating the binding of a nARIA polypeptide to a receptor selected from the group consisting of erbB2, erbB3 and erbB4, which method comprises:

(a) contacting the nARIA polypeptide with the agent and a receptor selected from the group consisting of erbB2, erbB3 and erbB4, under conditions permitting the binding of the nARIA polypeptide to the receptor in the absence of the agent;

(b) measuring the amount of nARIA polypeptide bound to the receptor; and

(c) comparing the amount so measured in step (b) to the amount of the nARIA polypeptide which binds to the

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receptor in the absence of the agent, a difference in the amounts determined in step (b) and (c) indicating that the agent modulates the binding of the nARIA polypeptide to the receptor.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the nARIA polypeptide is bound to an affinity derivative.

32. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the receptor is bound to an affinity derivative.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein step (b) comprises the use of an antibody specific for the nARIA polypeptide.

34. (New) The method of claim 31 or 32, wherein the affinity derivative is selected from the group consisting of sepharose, cellulose, plastic, glass, glass beads or streptavidin-coated plastic.

In the Abstract

Please replace the abstract of the subject application with the substitute abstract annexed hereto as **Exhibit B**.

In the Figures

Please delete sheets 26-47 of the figures.